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In re application of:

MATSUZAKI et al.

Art Unit: 1656

Application No.: 10/790,224

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ARGININE OR L-LYSINE BY  
FERMENTATION

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2006, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A Petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), is filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.